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loans in Kancheepuram and Madurantakam taluks as a result of the complete failure of crops due to pest and the consequent hardship to the ryots in these areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On a representation received from the hon. Member a report has been called for from the Collector of Chingleput in this regard. The Collector's report is awaited."

' *Beggar homes.*'

* 37 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the activities of beggar homes run by the Government in the City and in the State are;

(*b*) how many beggar homes, if any, are maintained by the Government and the number of beggars provided with shelter and occupation therein;

(*c*) the number maintained by private bodies to which subsidy is given by the Government;

(*d*) the schemes proposed by the Government to provide occupation and shelter to beggars in the streets, bus-stands and other business places; and

(*e*) the amount spent by the Government towards beggar homes in the State during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Law) :—" (*a*) The Government have recently ordered the establishment, under the Madras City Police Act, of a ' Care Camp ' and a ' Care Home ' in the Melpakkam Depot buildings for people found begging in the City. Able-bodied beggars who are capable of ordinary manual labour are to be sent to the ' Care Camp ' under the orders of the Court under the provisions of the Madras City Police Act. The ' Care Home ' located in the same buildings is for infirm and diseased beggars. Inmates of the ' Care Camp ' who are physically capable of ordinary manual labour will be given suitable work. Both the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' will be under Police management.

" (*b*) Except for the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' recently ordered to be opened at the Melpakkam Depot buildings, no other institution is run by Government to shelter and provide occupation for beggars. The Government ' Care Camp ' and ' Care Home ' at Melpakkam Depot buildings when opened are expected to accommodate about 500 persons in all.

" (*c*) None of the beggar homes established under the City Police Act in Madras City and under the Madras Prevention of Begging Act, in the mufassal, which are under the management of the respective local bodies, is in receipt of Government subsidy.

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" (*d*) Apart from the establishment of a ' Care Camp ' and a ' Care Home ' under Police management in Melpakkam Depot buildings, the Government have recently notified, under the provisions of the Madras City Police Act, the ' Care Home ' run under private management in the Goshala buildings in Konnur High Road. These institutions when they begin to function, will give shelter to persons found begging in public places in the City and provide occupation to such of them as are able-bodied.

" (*e*) Nil."

SRI A. RATNAM.—" பிச்சைக்காரர்களின் உபத்திரவத்தினால் பொது மக்கள் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். பிச்சைக்காரர்களும் பிழைப்புக்கு வகையற்றவர்களாக வாடுகிறார்கள். எனவே, இந்தப் பிச்சைக்காரர்களின் பிரச்னையைத் தீர்க்கப் பிச்சைக்காரர்களின் மகாநாடு ஒன்றைக்கூட்டி, அவர்களுக்கு ஆவன செய்ய அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

10-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I think that function can be taken up by the hon. Member very profitably and very effectively." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Corporation of Madras is maintaining a begger home and the Corporation now feels it difficult to house all the beggars in the City of Madras in that home. Is it a fact that the Corporation made a request last year to the Government for the enhancement of the grant to maintain that home and is it a fact that the Government in a very niggardly way refused to make that grant? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Corporation is running a care-home and a limited number of persons are lodged there. It is because they were not able to meet the expenditure on further expansion of the home that the Government have taken up the establishment of the care-homes and care-camps now and that will be a considerable relief to remove congestion in the home maintained by the Corpcration."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" മുഖ്യ മന്ത്രിയും ഇന്ത്യൻ പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയും പട്ടണങ്ങളിൽ വരുമ്പോൾ പോലീസുകാർ പിച്ചക്കാരെയെല്ലാം പിടിച്ചു ലാറികളിൽ കയററി നാല്പതോ അൻപതോ മൈലകലെ കൊണ്ടുവിടാറുണ്ട്. അതു് പോലീസുകാർ സ്വമേധയാ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണോ, ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിൻെറ നിർദ്ദേശപ്രകാരം ചെയ്യുന്നതാണോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a different question. If the hon. Member wants an answer, a separate question may be put."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, recently a poor home was opened in Palghat by the Hon. the Law Minister. Will the Government consider giving the local bodies a decent grant for running these homes if they apply to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there have been requests from various local bodies for grants for this purpose. The matter is under the active consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken after gaining experience in running these homes in the Madras City."